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## HOUSE BILL No. 1704

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DIGEST OF HB 1704 (Updated February 3, 2003 12:15 PM - DI 77)

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-12; IC 16-18; IC 16-19; IC 16-40; IC 16-41; IC 16-42; IC 24-6.

**Synopsis:** Various department of health matters. Repeals sanitary requirements for locker plants. Repeals weight and count provisions that are duplicative of state department of health (state department) rules. Repeals provisions regarding the structural foundation and wall colors of schools. Repeals provisions requiring the teaching of hygiene and sanitary science. Prohibits the state department from testing a person who is registered with and holds a valid certificate issued by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Permits the state department to conduct indoor air quality investigations. Requires physicians and optometrists to report individuals diagnosed with severe visual impairments to family and social services instead of the state department. Requires family and social services to produce materials detailing reporting requirements and services available for visually impaired individuals.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 21, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.  
February 3, 2003, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

## HOUSE BILL No. 1704

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-12-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2003]:

4 **Chapter 9. Reporting of Blind or Visually Impaired Persons**

5 **Sec. 1. Each:**

6 (1) **physician holding an unlimited license to practice**  
7 **medicine; or**

8 (2) **optometrist licensed under IC 25-24-1;**

9 **shall report in writing, on forms prescribed by the office of the**  
10 **secretary, not more than ten (10) days after diagnosis, to the office**  
11 **of the secretary, the name, age, and address of each person**  
12 **diagnosed by the physician or optometrist as being blind (as**  
13 **defined under 42 U.S.C. 416(i)) or having visual impairment of a**  
14 **degree to interfere with the person's functioning in school,**  
15 **employment, or other activities of daily living.**

16 **Sec. 2. The office of the secretary shall, on the first business day**  
17 **of each month, send a copy of a report filed under section 1 of this**

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chapter to the following persons:

(1) For persons less than seventeen (17) years of age, to the following:

(A) The Indiana School for the Blind.

(B) The division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services.

(C) The division of special education of the department of education.

(2) For persons at least seventeen (17) years of age, to the following:

(A) The division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services.

(B) On request, organizations serving the blind and the state department of health.

Sec. 3. All reports filed under this chapter shall be kept confidential and used solely to determine the eligibility of the individuals for assistance or rehabilitation.

Sec. 4. (a) On receiving a report under this chapter, the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services shall provide information to the visually impaired individual designated in the report concerning available state and local services.

(b) For a visually impaired individual less than seventeen (17) years of age, the Indiana School for the Blind:

(1) has the primary duty of initially contacting the visually impaired individual or the individual's family; and

(2) shall notify the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services and the department of education of the school's findings.

Sec. 5. This chapter does not prohibit a physician or an optometrist from making a referral to a local school corporation, an agency, the Indiana School for the Blind, or an agency or organization working with the blind or visually impaired.

Sec. 6. The office of the secretary shall prepare and provide educational materials for:

(1) licensed optometrists;

(2) licensed physicians;

(3) the Indiana University School of Medicine; and

(4) the Indiana University School of Optometry;

to inform individuals and schools of the reporting requirements and services available for an individual who is blind or visually impaired.

Sec. 7. A person required to make a report of blindness under

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1 **this chapter who fails to do so commits a Class C infraction.**

2 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-264 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 264. ~~(a)~~ "Operator", for  
4 purposes of IC 16-41-31, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-31-4.

5 ~~(b) "Operator", for purposes of IC 16-42-7, has the meaning set forth~~  
6 ~~in IC 16-42-7-1.~~

7 SECTION 3. IC 16-19-3-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 7. **(a)** The state  
9 department may make sanitary inspections and surveys throughout  
10 Indiana and of all public buildings and institutions.

11 **(b) The state department may make indoor air quality**  
12 **inspections of all public buildings and institutions that are occupied**  
13 **by an agency of state or local government.**

14 **(c)** After due notice is given, the state department may enter upon  
15 and inspect private property in regard to the presence of cases of  
16 infectious and contagious diseases and the possible cause and source  
17 of diseases.

18 SECTION 4. IC 16-19-5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.80-1999,  
19 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
20 JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. (a) In addition to other fees provided by this  
21 title, the state department may establish and collect reasonable fees for  
22 specific services described under subsection (b) provided by the state  
23 department. The fees may not exceed the cost of services provided.

24 (b) Fees may be charged for the following services:

25 (1) Plan reviews conducted under rules adopted under  
26 IC 16-19-3-4(b)(13).

27 ~~(2) Licensing or inspection of facilities under IC 16-42-7.~~

28 ~~(3) (2)~~ Licensing of agricultural labor camps under IC 16-41-26.

29 ~~(4) (3)~~ Services provided to persons other than governmental  
30 entities under rules adopted under IC 16-19-3-5.

31 ~~(5) (4)~~ Services provided by the state health laboratory under  
32 IC 16-19-8.

33 ~~(6) (5)~~ Services provided under IC 16-19-11-3.

34 ~~(7) (6)~~ Services provided under IC 24-6 by the state metrology  
35 laboratory.

36 SECTION 5. IC 16-40-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. **(a) Except as**  
38 **provided in subsection (b), each:**

39 (1) physician;

40 (2) superintendent of a hospital;

41 (3) director of a local health department;

42 (4) director of a county office of family and children;



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(5) director of the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services;  
 (6) superintendent of a state institution serving the handicapped;  
 or  
 (7) superintendent of a school corporation;  
 who diagnoses, treats, provides, or cares for a person with a disability shall report the disabling condition to the state department within sixty (60) days.

**(b) Each:**

**(1) physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine; or**  
**(2) optometrist licensed under IC 25-24-1;**  
**shall file a report regarding a blind or visually impaired person with the office of the secretary of family and social services in accordance with IC 12-12-9.**

SECTION 6. IC 16-41-35-29 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 29. (a) The state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to regulate who may operate a radiation machine and what level of training and experience the operator must have. Rules adopted by the state department must exempt from testing to establish initial qualifications an individual who:

**(1) holds a valid certificate issued by; and**  
**(2) is currently registered with;**  
 the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

(b) The state department shall issue a license to an individual meeting the requirements of the rules adopted under subsection (a) for a radiologic technologist upon the payment to the state department of a thirty dollar (\$30) fee and the cost of testing to establish initial qualifications. The license is valid for twenty-four (24) months. The state department shall establish a fee for the renewal or duplication of a license issued under this section not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30).

(c) Every owner of a radiation machine, including an industrial radiation machine, shall have the machine inspected in accordance with procedures and standards established by the state department. The state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the procedures and standards applicable to inspections of radiation machines.

SECTION 7. IC 16-42-5-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.266-2001, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 24. (a) For the purpose of enforcing IC 16-41-20, IC 16-41-21, IC 16-41-23, IC 16-41-24, IC 16-41-34, ~~or~~ IC 16-42-5, ~~or~~



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1 ~~IC 16-42-7~~, the local health officers are food environmental health  
2 specialists subordinate to the state department.

3 (b) The state department shall provide to the local health officers  
4 who are food environmental health specialists guidelines concerning  
5 the interpretation of the state department's rules concerning food  
6 handling and food establishments so that enforcement of the state laws  
7 and rules is uniform throughout the state.

8 SECTION 8. IC 16-42-5-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 25. If, upon inspection  
10 of a food establishment, a local health officer or food environmental  
11 health specialist finds an employer, operator, or other employee to be  
12 violating IC 16-41-20, IC 16-41-21, IC 16-41-23, IC 16-41-24,  
13 IC 16-41-34, **or** IC 16-42-5, **or** ~~IC 16-42-7~~, the local health officer or  
14 food environmental health specialist shall do at least one (1) of the  
15 following:

16 (1) Furnish evidence of the violation to the prosecuting attorney  
17 of the county or circuit in which the violation occurs. The  
18 prosecuting attorney shall prosecute all persons violating  
19 IC 16-41-20, IC 16-41-21, IC 16-41-23, IC 16-41-24,  
20 IC 16-41-34, **or** IC 16-42-5, **or** ~~IC 16-42-7~~, or rules adopted under  
21 those provisions.

22 (2) Report the condition and violation to the state health  
23 commissioner or the commissioner's legally authorized agent. The  
24 state health commissioner may issue an order to the person in  
25 authority at the offending establishment to abate the condition or  
26 violation within five (5) days or within another reasonable time  
27 required to abate the condition or violation. The proceedings to  
28 abate must be in accordance with IC 4-21.5.

29 SECTION 9. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE  
30 JULY 1, 2003]: IC 16-40-2; IC 16-41-21-7; IC 16-41-21-16;  
31 IC 16-41-21-17; IC 16-42-7; IC 24-6-4; IC 24-6-5-1; IC 24-6-5-2;  
32 IC 24-6-5-3; IC 24-6-5-4; IC 24-6-5-5; IC 24-6-5-6; IC 24-6-5-7;  
33 IC 24-6-5-8; IC 24-6-5-9; IC 24-6-5-10; IC 24-6-5-14.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1704, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, line 8, after "Sec. 7." insert "(a)".

Page 3, line 9, delete ", indoor air quality inspections,".

Page 3, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(b) The state department may make indoor air quality inspections of all public buildings and institutions that are occupied by an agency of state or local government."**

Page 3, line 11, before "After" begin a new paragraph and insert: "(c)".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1704 as introduced.)

BROWN C, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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